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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Steven P. Bitler, et. al.

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CONTAINING COMPOSITIONS

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Pasadena, California

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: Petitions Examiner Office of the Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Patents

PETITION TO ADD ADDITIONAL PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.55

Dear Sir:

- 1. Applicant petitions for entry of the following accompanying papers with respect to the priority claim in this case being made after the filing date and subsequent publication of the application on August 30, 2001:
 - * Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application
- Applicant respectfully requests that a corrected filing receipt be issued which cites 2. both priority claims of U.S. Application No. 09/398,377 and PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US00/40780 or an explicit written acknowledgment that this priority has been claimed.
- 3. A check in the amount of \$130.00 in payment of the petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, if such fees are due, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2090.
- 4. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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